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Photos submitted by Sarah Choate

LAYING A SOLID FOUNDATION - On Wednesday, May 28 the foundation was poured for the soon to be erected West Hickman Baptist Church. Workers (shown at top) were busy pouring the concrete, then (at left) smoothed it out and (at right) left their mark, stating "This is the day that the Lord has made." Approximately 150 Carpenters of Christ arrived this week to begin working on the church building.

Late student Bumpous' scholarship in jeopardy

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent

The night of February 18th of 1993, was a night that stunned the staff and students of the Fulton County School System, along with the entire community of Hickman.

Police and emergency personnel were called to Holly Street, where Junior student and Pilot athlete Joey Bumpous was discovered collapsed in the living room of his home.

After transferring to Parkway Regional Hospital in Fulton, the 16 year old Bumpous was pronounced dead, from what would later be determined as an underlying heart condition.

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Joey Bumpous



Carol Coulson and McKayden McClure

Charlotte Smith
Editor

With over thirty years to reflect on, Carol Coulson has many fond memories to choose from when looking back. Some of her most memorable moments include teaching with her daughter, Ashley; teaching on the same campus with her husband, Steve; and having her grandchildren as students. "I also loved having a castle in my classroom," she said. "I was also fortunate to have hatched butterflies and I enjoyed building gingerbread houses with my students and their parents." She has also enjoyed teaching the children of some of her former students.

Friday, May 23, was Coulson's last day after 27 years at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School where she taught kindergarten, first grade, second grade, fourth grade and remedial reading. Before coming to Fulton County she also spent time molding children's lives in Missouri, Lake County, Tenn., and at a private Nursery School called Bear Hug.

Coulson's decision to become a teacher was a path that seemed almost chosen for her. Nothing else really ever entered her mind. "I always wanted to teach. I love children," she said. "My parents were educators. Daddy taught Engineering at UT Martin and mother taught Science."

Another favorite of Coulson's was her annual 'Hickman Field Trip.' "We would visit the Carnegie Museum, the Bluff, Mark Twain, the Seawall, LaCleda Hotel, the old jail, Fulton County courthouse, walk the steps, and churches," she explained. "This year for an added treat we ate at a Hickman restaurant." Bart and Jennifer White opened their restaurant and fed 70 kindergarten, first and second graders.

"My daddy was so proud of Hickman," she said. "I wanted to instill that in my students."

Coulson was also proud of her daddy and her students on a particular occasion when Larry Cardwell was asked to speak to the high school on Veteran's Day. "He was asked

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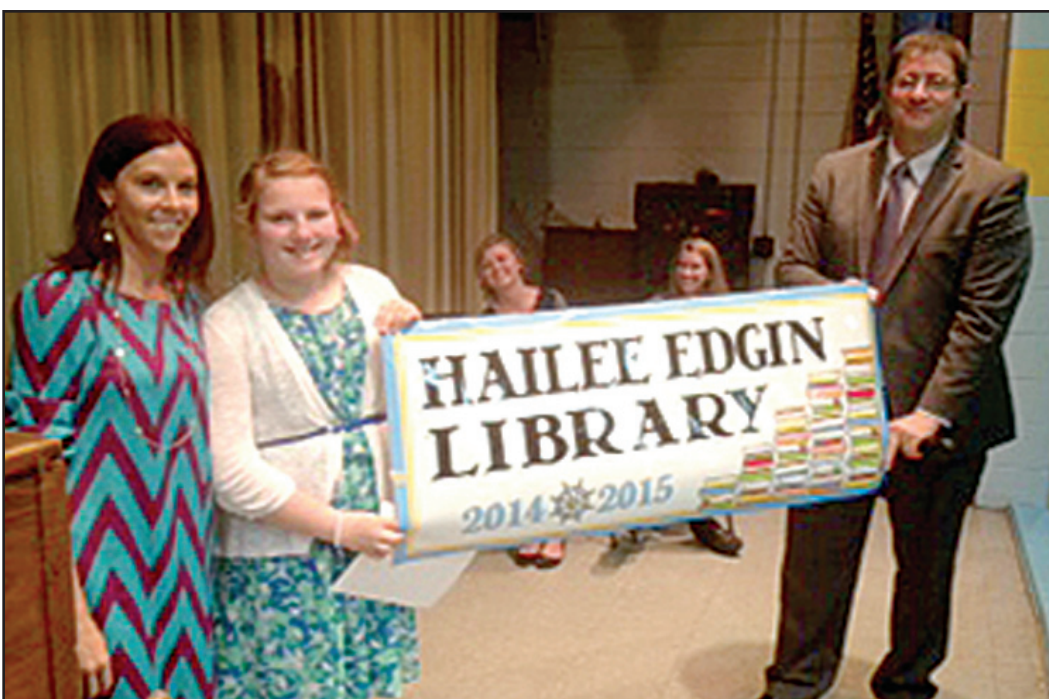
Tentative school budget receives approval

Charlotte Smith
Editor

"When you break it all down 28% of our funding comes from local dollars, 47% state, .3% from federal, and our beginning balance is about 25%," stated Fulton County Superintendent Aaron Collins. Collins discussed the tentative budget with the four current members of the school board, Rob Garrigan, Dale Vowell, Barry Patrick, and Perry Turner on Thursday morning, May 29 adding that the district is on a good solid footing in terms of next years budget.

Increasing salaries through a 1% classified raise increase and a 3% certified raise increase places a burden on a small district to remain solvent while also trying to update facilities for the students and staff. Overall the district will have three fewer faculty members in 2014-2015, while absorbing the loss of approximately \$2 million in grant dollars over the last two years.

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HAILEE EDGIN LIBRARY 2014-2015 - On Friday, May 23 Hailee Edgin was presented with the news that the Fulton County Elementary/Middle School Library would be named in her honor. Edgin, a fifth grader, earned the distinction after racking up 678 accelerated reader points. Abner Chilson came in second place with 547 points. Last year's winner, Lindy Sipes, came in third place with 541 points. Making the top ten were: Olivia Wilson, Jenna Elliott, Lily Wheeler, Caleb Collins, Abigail Bittenbender, Josie Prehoda, and Ian Halstead. Edgin (center) is holding her sign along with Assistant Principal Michael Cole (right) and Librarian Ashely Coulson is to Edgin's right.

Riverport industry tends to be up and down

Charlotte Smith
Editor

In the last three years one thing that Hickman-Fulton Riverport Authority Director Greg Curlin has learned is that many things connected to the Port's business have the tendency to go up and down. Things like the river's water level and yearly crop yields are just two of those factors that tend to move up and down.

On Tuesday, May 27 as Curlin and Keleia McCloud reviewed the April operating report with the board, that was clearly evident. "April wasn't as good as March," noted Port Board Chairman Lynn Major.

"The barge report does show us down a little bit in the month of April," agreed Curlin. Some of that decline Curlin attributed to the crane issue they experienced and the fact that fertilizer is down this year.

"We have had a little difficulty with the crane," added Curlin. "It was an exceptional year last year for fertilizer and this year it is down."

Curlin was optimistic that other commodities were increasing and that would provide a positive impact for the coming months.

Another added benefit for the Port, long term, will be the opening of the Panama Canal. "We know the container industry will start growing once they open up the Panama Canal," stated Curlin. "We just don't know which waterways they will utilize."

Curlin continues to attend meetings such as the Kentucky

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**HICKMAN FIREWORKS
AT THE HARBOR
JULY 4TH, 9 P.M.**

RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.

Wednesday, June 4 - 25.6
Thursday, June 5 - 24.6
Friday, June 6 - 23.8
Saturday, June 7 - 23.0
Sunday, June 8 - 22.9



IN A RUN DOWN - Chase Adams from the Clinton Bucks is in the middle of a run down with Hickman Hornet third baseman Kyle Bridges. Adams made it safely home during the second game of a double header on Saturday night. See page 7 for more photos.

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Your Local Weather

| Thu 6/5 | Fri 6/6 | Sat 6/7 | Sun 6/8 | Mon 6/9 |
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| 81/65 | 81/68 | 86/73 | 87/67 | 81/64 |
| Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s. | Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s. | Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. | A few thunderstorms possible. | Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. |

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THE HICKMAN COURIER

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Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago
September 14, 1989

Obituaries: Lynn Jonakin, 81; Brady Allen, 79; Mrs. Myrtle Thompson Bass, 83, and Ricky Bell.

John Wiley Gannon, Jr., of 903 Troy Avenue in Hickman, is one of four people running for the office of mayor of Hickman in the upcoming November election.

Pictured:Homecomingroyalty who will be participating in the Queen crowning festivities at the football game Friday night, were Audrea Simpson, Emily Bellew, Andrea Lynch, Missy Argo, Stacy Rash, Jennifer Deal, Raco Holloway, and Stephanie Fields. A queen will be selected from one of the five senior maids.

Julia Davis has returned from a five-day Caribbean Cruise on the S.S. Veracruz, which disembarked from Tampa, Fla. The ship's ports of call were Playa Del Carmen and Cozumel, Mexico. The S.S. Veracruz is called "The Friendly Ship." Ms. Davis said, "The cuisine was excellent, the entertainment was outstanding with live shows and bands and the service was superb. If you want to be pampered, sail on the S.S. Veracruz." The cruise was booked through Presley tours, Makanda, Ill.

50 Years Ago
December 10, 1964

Mrs. Mary C. Wilmath was last week's Mystery Shopper.

Miss Brenda Owens and her fiancé Billy Don Cherry of Fulton, were feted at a buffet dinner and "do-dad" shower last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Falkoff.

Newton's Super Market, Moscow Avenue, has round steak for 89¢ a lb.; chuck roast lb. 59¢; and Midwest ice cream 3-1/2 gallon \$1.00.

The FCHS Band won top spot during the Tiptonville Christmas parade Monday night. There were reportedly four area bands competing for the honor.

75 Years Ago
December 15, 1939

The Cayce Methodist Church, for 40 years a land-mark in that vicinity, was burned to the

ground Friday afternoon. The fire was attributed to sparks on the shingle roof, coming from piles of burning leaves that were being raked off the church grounds. The building, which was a total loss, was insured for \$1,000. A great deal of furniture was saved. It is reported that the high school auditorium will be used for meetings until a new church is erected.

A recent issue of the magazine "Life" devoted a double page spread to pictures of the murals chosen for new federal buildings in the 48 states in a nation-wide art contest. And even from an impartial viewpoint it seemed easily discernable that the one chosen for the new Hickman post office, having for its subject the "J.N.White,"famousMississippi steamboat, was one of the most outstanding in the whole group. Surely all Hickmanities can be proud of this attractive reminder of a picturesque day that is past and gone.

125 Years Ago
December 22, 1889

Miss Cordie Bryan and Harry Hertwick were married in the Methodist Church Monday night. Rev. Mooney performed the ceremony.

The Mary Ruble, a small, neat steamer, has made one or two trips in the trade between New Madrid and Hickman, and seeks to build up a sustaining trade in this line. It is thought by many that a much better trade could be reached by this steamer by regular trips to James' Bayou, Hickman and Medley's and efforts are being made to induce her to try that trade.

At the Inter-State Association of Odd Fellows, in session at Cairo last week, R.M. Matheny of Hickman, was elected vice president for Kentucky.

The Hon. C.A. Ward, President of the Michigan Lumber Company, which is now building a railroad from near Hibbard on the Cotton Belt road seven miles toward Hickman, announced the probability of extending his road on to Hickman during next summer. About 200 hands are now at work, but they do not expect to build further than the Mound's Settlement this winter, if that far.

Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Thursday, May 29:

Derrick Sommerville to Richard Magoon, property in city of Fulton, value \$7,000, May 29.

City of Fulton, Ky., by and through its Mayor, Elaine Forrester, to Gary Fulcher of Fulton, property in city of Fulton, value \$1,500, May 29.

Barry W. Bondurant and wife Sally H. Bondurant of South Fulton, Tenn. to Barry W. Bondurant and Sally H. Bondurant, as Co-Trustees of the Joint Declaration of Living Trust of Barry W. Bondurant

and Sally H. Bondurant of South Fulton, property in Fulton County, value \$7,000, May 29.

John R. Gaskill of East Peoria, Ill. and Ruth A. Gaskill of Groveland, Ill. to Allison S. Whitledge of Fulton, property in city of Fulton, value \$29,000, May 29.

Federal Housing Commission of Atlanta, Ga. to E.H. Pooled of Fulton, property in Fulton County, value \$13,700, May 29.

William G. Franklin and Deborah A. Franklin of Fulton to Elizabeth Ann Risen of Battletown, Ky., property in city of Fulton, value \$37,500, May 29.

Dave

Says...

by Dave Ramsey



Dear Dave,
My husband died several years ago. He always worked very hard, and we did very well financially. I am now 48 and have \$3.8 million in assets. I've found a wonderful man who is very stable and loving with a good job, and we're considering getting married. Do you think I need a prenuptial agreement?

Heather

Dear Heather,
For years I told people never to do prenuptial agreements. I always said if you love your money more than you love your spouse, then you're too immature and selfish to be married.

However, I've changed my tune on this subject a little bit recently. When one or two wealthy people get married, the problems that can arise usually have nothing to do with those two people. The problem is that it can invite a lot of crazy into your lives from the outside. Whether it's a parent, cousin or child, sometimes people start feeling a sense of entitlement when wealth is suddenly thrust into the picture.

You both sound like mature, functional people with good values. In most cases, that's a pretty good indication that crazy isn't in the immediate vicinity. Still, there's a lot on the line. So while I would advise a prenup, you might keep an open mind to revisions somewhere down the road. Make it pretty solid and protective for the first five or 10 years. But then, after you guys have built a life together, you'll hopefully reach a point where you'll feel safe looking at it as all ours.

So, the only reason I'd ever suggest a prenup is when two parties are bringing really unequal amounts to the table. Yours is an extreme situation, Heather, so I'd give it some serious thought. Let him know you want to do this to protect the relationship, so that there's never any hint that the money is a problem or will create problems. If he's as kind and thoughtful as you say, I think he'll understand.

—Dave

Dear Dave,
What do you think about auto club memberships like AAA?

Jeremy

Dear Jeremy,
I've got nothing against AAA. But honestly, I tend to self-insure through savings for these kinds of things. I've probably used, or had need of, a tow truck twice in the last 20 years. When it comes to this kind of product, I always look at it from the perspective of, "Where does it leave me if I don't sign up for their service?"

Again, I don't think AAA is a big rip-off or anything like that. It's just a type of insurance, if you will, for which I have no need. I guess it could be a handy thing to have if you were in a situation where you were using their services a lot. But if their average customer were like that, they'd probably end up losing money on you.

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze and recently debuted at No. 1 on the New York Times best-seller list. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.



SHIPMENT OF LIGHTS FOR GUATEMALA - Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC (HFRECC) employees Ward Morgan (left) and Adam Cary (right) prepare a surplus of equipment that was retired and will be used to electrify Guatemala villages through the NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) International Foundation. HFRECC received word that the shipment of lights was received in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.



PAST AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS – American Legion members who were ready to start 'digging' into a project include (front row, l to r) Larry Cardwell, R. A. Edwards, and Harold A. Rice; and (back row, l to r) Howard Anderson, Henry White, Gerald Kimbro, Howard Wilkerson and Joe Cole. (Photo courtesy of Swanee Rice.)



Photo by Barbara Atwill

HOT DOGS FOR RELAY - The Relay for Life team at The Citizens Bank held a hot dog cookout on Friday, May 30 at the bank. Donna Haney (l) adds condiments to her hot dog after being waited on by Mildred Ann Johnson (r). Cindy Lyle and Will Rice are pictured in the background. Relay for Life raised approximately \$600.

ATTENTION

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Open for all Fulton County students in grades 5-12

For more information contact Jamaull Holloway at 270-236-3664, Ext. 2079

A table will be set up in the front lobby of Fulton County High School on Thursday and Friday from 1 - 3 p.m.

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SEVENTH GRADE BOUND – Fulton County Elementary/Middle School held their Awards Day on Friday, May 23. Moving up to seventh grade next year include (in no particular order) Dapheous Allen, Collin Baggett, Ronni Blodgett, Cameron Cole, Madison Cooper, Jakrion Crumble, Grace Elder, Anyya Freeman, Cayce Jones, Jywon Jones, Caleb Kimble, Cailey Prehoda, Sklyer Weatherly, Kyle Bridges, LaBraia Catlett, Retiazsha Chambers, Madsion Halstead, Alexis Martin, Mikiyah Mitchell, Quentaya Murphy, Taivion Sanders, Dragon Schmidt, Marlena Sipes, Nikia Smith, Jerome Warren, and Armani Yandal.



AWARDS DAY – The Fulton County Elementary/Middle School seventh graders received awards on Friday, May 23. Students who will enter the 8th grade for the 2014-2015 school year include (in no particular order) Mandrial Allen, Alaya Barnett, Justin Eakes, Jelynda Elliott, Rachel Kelly, Kahari Miller, Noah Miller, Sophia Spence, Sophia Taborn, Daniel Tacker, Karlie Williams, Kanisha Wooten, Gisselle Barrientos, Abril Chilson, Bobby Chrisp, TaShayah Freeman, Damyen Goodrich, Levi Kelly, Jake Mayo, Madison Morrison, Rictaveon Polk, Savannah Roberts, Christopher Smith, Jordyn Smith, Katherine Stout, AJ Turner, and Joshua Worthington.



FUTURE PILOTS - Children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall had a chance to meet their teachers on Tuesday, May 27, during a meet and greet. The students enjoyed free food, crafts and games. (Above) Tracy Ellegood and Monika Bodon show the kids how to play with playdough. From left are Taylor Major, Kylie Hurt, Alana Shephard, Colin Goodson, Ellegood, Bodon, Sean Campbell, Lily Lambert, and Lee Uzzle. **COUNTING EXERCISE** - (at left) Kim Gooch and Allison Love (far left) play a game involving counting with more children.



Photos by Barbara Atwill

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Pot Luck This Saturday, June 7
Bring a dish and come on out

Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club

Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Monday, June 2 were as follows: Flight A – Pat Page and Alma Ford, first place; Freddye Oliver and Betty Amberg, second place; Jane Baker and Bill Petrie, third place; and Margie Cannon and Bertha Henry, fourth place. Flight B – Pat Page and Alma Ford, first place; and Margie Cannon and Bertha Henry, second place.

Sassafras Ridge Baptist Church

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Come Worship with Us

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Senior Spirit

By Christina Corrigan

Safe Medication Management for senior citizens

An issue that seniors and their families face is medication management. Most seniors take many medications during the day, some are prescribed and some are over-the-counter.

Seniors can often take more than the prescribed amount of their medication unknowingly. This can cause side effects such as feeling tired, groggy or nauseous. It may result in a trip to the emergency room.

Also, mixing up medicines can result in serious complications or consequences that can even be fatal. Family members can look for ways to help their loved ones such as using an automated medicine dispenser, which will allow the medicine to dispense at the right time.

A medicine planner is a box that can be used to plan an entire week's worth of medicine. This will allow the senior to have the medicine ready for them to take at the right time such as morning, noon, and night.

Reducing medication mix-ups

• Always keep a list of every medicine that the senior takes, including dosage and frequency. Include over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and herbal supplements along with prescribed medicine when compiling the list. Keep the medicine list updated regularly, carrying the list of medications with them on a regular basis.

• Store the medicines properly and throw away any expired or unused medicine.

• Find out from the doctor or pharmacist what to do if a dose is missed.

• Fill all of the prescriptions, using only one pharmacy.

• Always read the patient information that comes with the medicine.

• When being given a newly prescribed medication, stay with your family member if possible to see how they will react to it. Make sure there is no allergic reaction or side effects; also notice if it makes them sleepy or

agitated.

Editor's Note: Information obtained from www.carefec-homecareservices.com

Weekly activities at the Senior Center include Monday, June 9: 10:30, Kris Moore, Skin Cancer, 11:30, Bingo; Tuesday, June 10: 10:30, Exercise, Vonceil Leyh; Wednesday, June 11: 10:15, Life Line, Amy Thompson, Sittercise, 11:30, Bingo; Thursday, June 12: 10:30, Pulse Oxygen and Heart Rate Monitor; Friday, June 13: 11:30, Bingo.

Bingo is played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week (25¢ a card) on these days immediately following lunch, at approximately 11:30.

Bingo winners for Wednesday, May 28: Jerry Nall, Robert White, Josephine Warren and Shirley Shaw winning overall.

Friday, May 30: Ellie Foster, Josephine Warren, Lana Edwards, and Mary Helen McCauley winning overall.

Rook winners were Shirley Shaw, Julia Davis, Helen Drevry, Lana Edwards, Josephine Warren, Robert White, Vonceil Leyhue, and Judy Milner.

The following items will be served at the Senior Center next week:

Monday, June 9

Meat loaf, baby lima beans, frozen strawberries, whole-wheat roll, and skim milk.

Tuesday, June 10

Italian beef, pasta salad, summer squash, whole-wheat roll, chocolate pudding and skim milk.

Wednesday, June 11

Layered salad with turkey and peas, oat bran muffin, cheddar cheese, angel food cake, orange sauce and skim milk.

Thursday, June 12

Sweet and sour pork, rice, buttered broccoli, whole-wheat roll, fortune cookie, frozen fruit salad, and skim milk.

Friday, June 13

Baked country fried steak, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, spinach salad, whole-wheat roll, chocolate cake and skim milk.



Photo by Barbara Atwill

YARD OF THE WEEK - The yard of Jane and Chuck Straub on Moscow Avenue is this week's recipient of the Yard of the Week honor from the Hickman Chamber of Commerce. This is the first time the Straubs have received this distinction. The Straubs relocated to Hickman approximately one year ago from Wisconsin.

Happy Birthday

The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

June 9 – Andrea Wilkerson Johnson, Lyn James, James Johnson, June Myatt, and Carla Coffey.

June 10 – Kelly Greer, Fonda Noles, Lenora Williams, David Westbrook, Kimala Nipp Tidwell, Archie Kiddy, Karen Jones, Sarah Gardner, Ethan Michael Hayden, Brandon McClure, Tracy Campbell, and Bridget Busby.

June 11 – Sara Sanger, Jimmy Call, Carsten Kradenpoth, Landon Liggett, and J.C. Robinson.

June 12 – Jackie Curlin, Elmer C. Williams, Katherine Jones, Bennette Atwill, and

Madison Major.

June 13 – Edna Earl Bruner Roper, Bridget Atwill, Zac Kelly, Michael Bradley.

June 14 – Jan White, Jeff Kilpatrick, Roger Pulley, Blayne Brockwell, Dickey Cruce.

June 15 – Cindy Henderson and Eboni Smith.

The Wilderness Voice

By Tom Hoskins

CHANGE AND CHANGLESS. I am an old man. Sixty-five years ago I was plowing with mules and a one-row cultivator. Running water was a run to the well and draw up a bucket.

Baths were in a number 2 washtub warmed by the sun in summer, by a wood stove in winter. Natural gas is now the common heating fuel; ours was natural wood. Food came from a flour barrel, flour sack, potato or turnip hill, garden, smoke house or canned food from a fruit jar. Now it's from a box or frozen bag or something to go from the fast food mart.

We slept on a feather bed; now it's a posture-pedic mattress with dual controls. Travel was by shoe leather up to two or three miles; beyond that we had a horse and buggy or my Model T Ford I bought at fourteen for twenty five dollars.

We played marbles, pitched washers and horse shoes, swam in the creek, hunted frogs and birds with a sling shot, swung on grapevines, rode horseback and went barefoot in the summer for recreation. And, had a good time.

There were social and personal morals in those days, generally

accepted norms of behavior that dated to the founding of our nation. They are mostly gone now-more change. As a nation, we are morally and financially bankrupt, hardly a factor to be dealt with or feared on the international scene anymore.

Some things hold true. God hasn't changed (Malachi 3:6). Jesus hasn't changed (Heb. 3:8). The word of God hasn't changed (Mt. 5:18), neither has the Holy Spirit. Heaven hasn't changed and neither has hell, See John 14 and Rev. 22, etc. These things will never change! Thank God for those things that are steadfast and eternal.

I don't know about you. I'll stay with the changeless both now and for eternity. I knew an old preacher who said, "Nothing important ever changes." I think he was on to something.

Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club

Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Tuesday, May 27 were as follows: Betty Amberg and Jo Grissom, first place; and Carol Howell and Margie Evans, second place.

Obituaries

Royce Allen Babbs, Sr.

Mr. Royce Allen Babbs, Sr., 73, of South Fulton, Tenn., died May 27, 2014 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center ER in Mayfield, Ky.

Born September 23, 1940, he was the son of the late Harry Babbs and Lois Lucy Watson. He attended Liberty Worship Center in South Fulton. He was a retired welder from Nooter's Boiler Markers and was a United States Army veteran where he served in Vietnam. He lived most of his life in this area.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Smith Babbs of South Fulton, whom he married June 29, 2012; two sons, Donny

Harrison of St. Louis, Mo. and Royce Babbs, Jr. of South Fulton; two daughters, Vickie Babbs of Fulton, Ky. and Rena Babbs Molands (Rubin) of Union City, Tenn.; three stepchildren, James Stanfield of Fulton, Lisa Macklin of Hickman, Ky., and Stephanie Hensley of South Fulton; two brothers, Billy Babbs of Chicago, Ill. and Tommy Babb of Martin, Tenn.; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Deloma Ruth Babbs, preceded him in death.

Graveside services were held May 29 at the Cayce Cemetery. Hornbeak Funeral Home of Fulton was in charge of arrangements.

Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Sunday, May 25 – Saturday, May 31:

- Sunday, May 25:
- Responded to a call on Boone St.
- Responded to a fight in progress on 7th St. – Travis Newberry arrested for disorderly conduct and fleeing or evading police.
- Responded to a motor vehicle accident on Moulton St.
- Responded to a loud music complaint on 7th St.
- Monday, May 26:
- Responded to a call at the police department.
- Responded to an animal complaint in West Hickman.
- Responded to a noise complaint at Holly Ct.
- Responded to a call on 7th St.
- Responded to a possible reckless driver on Moscow Ave.
- Tuesday, May 27:
- Responded to an animal complaint of Cedar St.
- Responded to a call on Cedar St.
- Responded to a call on Harrison St.
- Responded to a motor vehicle accident on 7th St.
- Responded to a motor vehicle accident on Nelson St.
- Wednesday, May 28:
- Responded to a motor vehicle accident at Citizens Bank.
- Responded to a call at Hickman Manor Apts.
- Thursday, May 29:
- Responded to a motor vehicle accident at EW James & Sons.
- Responded to a call Davis Park.
- Friday, May 30:
- Responded to a call on Moulton St.
- Responded to an animal complaint on Moscow Ave.
- Responded to a residential alarm on Atwood St.
- Saturday, May 31:
- Investigated a suspicious person on 7th St.
- Responded to a call at Indian Hills.
- Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass.
- Traffic stop on 7th St.
- Traffic stop on Broadway St.

Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Saturday, May 24 through Friday, May 30:

- Saturday, May 24:
- Jatarrio R. Freeman of Hickman, black male, citation, no registration plates, no registration receipt, no operator's - moped license, failure of non-owner to maintain insurance, 1st offense.
- Saturday, May 24:
- Savannah Harris of Newbern, Tenn., white female, citation, speeding 97/70 mph zone.
- Wednesday, May 28:
- Barry Atkins of Morehead, Ky., white male, arrested, probation violation.
- Dustin Webb of Somerset, Ky., white male, arrested, indictment warrant.
- Thursday, May 29:
- Rodney Nance of Humboldt, Tenn., black male, arrested, fugitive from justice.
- Friday, May 30:
- James C. Smothers of Martin, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 75/55 mph zone.
- Whitney s. Redd of Paducah, Ky., black female, citation, speeding 85/70 mph zone.
- Victoria B. Hudgins of Springfield, Tenn., white female, citation, speeding 87/70 mph zone.
- Roger G. Camper of Buchanan, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 69/55 mph zone.
- Bradley D. Lovell of Tiptonville, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone, failure to maintain required insurance, 1st offense.

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YARD SALE

“Free Yard Sale” - East Hickman Baptist Church, Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. If bad weather it will be postponed to another date. Clothes, toys, household items, etc.

Thank You

We want to express our appreciation of all acts of kindness that was shown to us during our loss.

A special thank you to Bro. Jim Wolfgang, Bro. Henry Callison, and Hornbeak Funeral Home for all your help and support.

May God Bless you,

The Family of Sonny Lowery

Court Sale

Pursuant to a JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE in Civil Action No. 13-CI-00005, dated October 10, 2013, styled JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF vs. NATHAN K. PRUITT; and JULIE M. PRUITT, DEFENDANTS, I will on TUESDAY the 24th day of JUNE 2014, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the north door of the Fulton County Courthouse in Hickman, Kentucky, sell to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate located at 570 State Route 2139, Hickman, Kentucky, to wit:

A tract of land located on the quarter section line near the northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 1, Range 5 West, and located on the east side of Fulton County Road known locally as Barnett Road or Morris Road and being about 3 miles South of Hickman in Fulton County, Kentucky and containing an area of 2.00 acres more or less and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a steel stake on the east right-of-way of Barnett Road or Morris Road and being 25 feet from the center line of the asphalt road, said point being the northwest corner of this tract and the southwest corner of a tract owned by Billy Joe Benham, said point is an east-west fence line, said fence line is the north quarter section line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23 and is the property line between this tract and the Benham tract, thence southwestward with the east right-of-way of the road, S 27° 40' W, 167.0 feet to a steel stake, thence S 12° 39' W, 115.8 feet to a steel stake, the southwest corner of this tract and the northwest corner of a tract owned by Larry Campbell, thence turning and running southeast with the Campbell tract for 210 feet and then cutting a new line across a tract owned by Loyd Craddock for 36 feet, this tract being a part of the Craddock tract, in all S 66° 50' E, 266.0 feet to a steel stake, thence running and turning Northward, N 18° 15' E. 395.0 feet to a steel stake near the here-before Craddock tract and in the south boundary of the Benham tract, thence west ward, more or less with the fence line, the Quarter Section line and the Benham tract, S 88° 00' W, 265.6 feet to the steel stake at the point of beginning and containing an area of 2.00 acres.

BEING the same property acquired by Nathan K. Pruitt by deed dated this date, of record in Deed Book 177, Page 528, in the Office of the Fulton County Court Clerk.

This property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder and the sale shall be for cash or in the alternative, the Master will take from the purchaser ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, in cash together with bonds (for the remainder of the purchase price) with good and sufficient surety, bearing interest from the day of the sale and payable to the Master Commissioner within 30 days of the date of the sale. The real estate described cannot be divided without materially impairing the value; therefore the real estate shall be sold as a whole.

The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for the tax year 2014 and all subsequent years.

This sale is to collect a judgment against the subject property and against the Defendants in the sum of \$140,021.41 as of February 28, 2013, with interest thereon at the rate of 4.5% per annum until paid; plus late charges, advances for taxes and insurance, and its costs herein expended, including a reasonable attorney fee.

Amanda A. Major
Master Commissioner

Bluff Briefs

Donations requested for Harmony Cemetery Association

The former Harmony Methodist Church on Ky. 781 in Hickman County is seeking donations for the upkeep of the building, grounds and the cemetery. Anyone wishing to donate or send a memorial for the upkeep and mowing of the cemetery may make checks to Harmony Cemetery Association, % Leslie M. Whitesell, 8230 State Route 116 E., Fulton, KY 42041. Anyone who would like to send a donation for the upkeep of the building and grounds is asked to send a check made out to Harmony Preservation and Grounds, c/o Hal Jones, 3279 State Route 780, Clinton, KY 42031. All donations or memorials will be greatly appreciated.

Fulton County Class of 1964

Just a reminder to the Fulton County Class of 1964 and other invited classes of our 50th Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. at Hickman Country Club. You need to send in your money as soon as possible. Also, class of '64 only, let me know if you are coming to the dinner on Friday night. Place for that is undecided at this time. Call 270-236-3723.

Liberty Baptist to have Vacation Bible School

Children 12 years of age and younger are invited to Vacation Bible School at Liberty Baptist Church in Fulton (corner of 781S and Middle Rd.) Wednesday, June 4 thru Saturday, June 7, starting at 9 a.m. each morning. Come, learn and discover God's beauty of the Jungles in the Amazon.

Walnut Grove Meeting

Walnut Grove Church and Grounds Preservation Commission, Inc. will have its annual meeting June 15 at 6 p.m. on the church property.

Fire hydrants to be tested

The Hickman Fire Department will start testing hydrants again on Thursday, June 19. They will start back where they left off in East Hickman.

Relay for Life

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close the event.

The evening will also feature music by local country music artist Jay Black at 8 p.m., as well as various games and activities.

Teams will also have food and drinks available for purchase. Some teams will also have games and activities for young and old. Teams for this year's event include Cayce United Methodist Church's Cayce Cancer Crew, First Church of the Nazarene, First State Bank, Friends For A Cure of Hickman, Haws Heroes, Insteel Wire Products, Letica Cares, Parkway Regional Hospital, Rag-A-Muffins, Reelfoot Bank, Republic Services, South Fulton Baptist Church, Video Plus, and The Citizens Bank.

Sponsors for 2014 include: All Kraft, Heritage Bank, Hickman-Fulton RECC, Hornbeak Funeral Home, Parkway Regional Hospital, Reelfoot Bank, South Fulton Baptist Church, and The Citizens Bank.

“As always, the community is

welcome to come out and participate and celebrate with our cancer survivors and pause and reflect those we have lost due to cancer, and walk around the beautiful park in downtown Fulton,” Walker added. “This event is open to everyone because we all have been or know someone touched by cancer.

“Relay For Life events’ goal and the goal of the American Cancer Society is to work toward that day when no one will hear the words, ‘You have cancer.’”

The money raised through Relay For Life and individual team fundraising helps support the work of the American Cancer Society to raise awareness of needed cancer screenings and ways to prevent cancer (i.e. quitting smoking, exercising); provide services and support to cancer patients and caregivers; and fund research grants into better ways to detect, treat and prevent all cancers.

For more information on the American Cancer Society or for information or connections to local, available resources for patients and caregivers, call anytime, day or night, to 1-800-227-2345 or visit online at HYPERLINK “http://www.cancer.org” www.cancer.org. For more information on Relay For Life, visit HYPERLINK “http://www.relayforlife.org/fultonky” www.relayforlife.org/fultonky.

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The budget is based on receiving \$3,911 in ADA (Average Daily Attendance) money per student. Conservatively they have budgeted for 479 ADA for students for the coming school year when the ADA in 2013-2014 was 499.

During Thursday's meeting the board also met with Mark Rawlings from Hilliard and Lyons to discuss the district's full bonding capacity. Currently the bonding capacity sits at \$1.6 million, but the amount of renovations and improvements needed at the schools is \$3.8 million, according to Scott Noel.

The district is currently exploring the possibility of utilizing a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESC). This

contract would allow them to bond up to \$4.2 million. “Setting aside \$25,000 for renovation projects bumped the district's bonding capacity to approximately \$2.6 million and then adding the GESC would move it up to \$4.2 million,” stated Rawlings. “With energy savings you have lower utility expenses and less maintenance expenditures, which allows the district to afford more payments on the bonds.”

Items Supt. Collins has earmarked as top priorities include renovations and improvements at both the elementary/middle school and the high school, with a majority of the focus being at the elementary/middle school.

Elementary/middle school improvements would include:

- HVAC and controls
- Lighting
- Ceiling grids and ceiling tiles
- Windows, doors and hardware

Also lighting in the high school gym, is on the list.

Another needed renovation would be improvements to the bathrooms at both schools.

Understanding that the district is not locked into the project until they have hard, concrete numbers, they made a motion to advertise to request for proposals for the GESC. Bidders will come in and monitor the buildings, come up with a plan and present it to the board.

The board agreed to meet again in special session on Tuesday, June 3 at 7 a.m. for a planning session focusing on transportation and fund raising.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The second reading of the Fulton County proposed budget ordinances for Fiscal Year 2014/2015 will be held at the Fulton County Fiscal Court Office Building on June 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Fiscal Court on the 12th day of May 2014.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF FULTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposed indicated.

| | |
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| (01) GENERAL FUND | |
| General Government..... | \$ 793,588. |
| Protection to Persons & Property | 30,500. |
| General Health & Sanitation | 100,100. |
| Social Services..... | 4,300. |
| Recreation & Culture..... | 1,500. |
| Airports..... | 3,000. |
| Administration..... | 517,012. |
| TOTAL | \$1,450,000. |
| (02) ROAD FUND | |
| General Health & Sanitation | \$ 15,600. |
| Transportation Facilities..... | 5,000. |
| Roads..... | 792,151. |
| Other Transportation Services..... | 67,439. |
| Debt Service | 25,000. |
| Administration..... | 315,980. |
| Capital Projects..... | 17,500. |
| TOTAL | \$1,238,670. |
| (03) JAIL FUND | |
| Protection to Persons & Property..... | \$3,494,549. |
| Debt Service | 508,000. |
| Administration..... | 1,120,614. |
| TOTAL | \$5,123,163. |
| (04) LGEA FUND | |
| Roads..... | \$ 500. |
| TOTAL | \$ 500. |
| (07) FEDERAL GRANTS | |
| General Government..... | \$ 25,000. |
| Protection to Persons & Property..... | 50,000. |
| Capital Projects..... | 3. |
| TOTAL | \$ 75,003. |
| (08) D.E.S. FUND | |
| Disaster & Emergency Services\$ | 18,753. |
| TOTAL | \$ 18,753. |

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in the local newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Fulton County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed annual budget is available for public inspection at the Office of the Fulton County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.



GREAT TURNOUT - Summer Fun Days, held at Jeff Green Memorial Park, concluded on Thursday, May 29. Mary Langford and many others hosted the four-day event for the second year in a row. The children participated in arts and crafts, music and sign language, baseball, cheerleading, football, jump rope, outdoor games, soccer, survivor, and water games. It was a terrific turnout with approximately 80 in attendance.



FINAL LAST DAY - Fulton County Elementary/Middle School teacher Carol Coulson is pictured with her final first grade class on their last day of school. Coulson is retiring this year. She has been with the Fulton County School System for 27 years. Coulson's bulletin board is filled with many photos of memories throughout her career. She said goodbye to her students saying "I will love you always".

Coulson Retires

to talk about his WWII experience," she said. "I was worried that the students wouldn't be respectful, but you could have heard a pin drop while he was speaking. I was so proud of him and them."

Talking about retirement wasn't easy for Coulson, but she is ready to spend more time with her husband, children and grandchildren. "Most people don't realize how demanding teaching is," she said. "You have the power to change lives and that is a huge responsibility."

She is looking forward to spending time assisting with the

care of her mother and her husband's mother, who need them now more than ever. "Hopefully, I will have more time for church and friends," Coulson added. "I would love to take our grandchildren to Disney World."

There isn't one particular thing about teaching that Coulson will miss. "I will miss it all," she said, "especially my students. I love seeing their eyes light up when they learn to read or get a new ring of words from the Reading Room. Children still appreciate the little things in life like a lady bug, a bird's nest or just a hug."

Difficult memories that Coul-

son remembers looking back include the loss of two educators that made an impact on her life. "When Dr. Charles Holliday was asked to leave, it broke my heart," she said. "He is such a wonderful educator and he truly loved Fulton County and our loss of Mr. Maurice Tucker, he will never be replaced."

On the last day of school, Coulson presented 'memory books' to each of her students from the Class of 2014. Just a little something for them to hold on to, just as she has held onto the memories she has made since she began teaching over 36 years ago.



COMMUNITY DISCUSSION - Participating in a Community Discussion on the topic of Underage Drinking include three students (pictured to the left of Fulton Police Terry Powell) were Dynia Vinson, Sasha Montgomery, and Dora Kradenpoth. Also shown from left are panelists Kristy Cole, Nurse Practitioner; Ellen Walsh, Local Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist; and Fulton Police Chief Terry Powell This was a town hall meeting on underage drinking and the effect on teens. They talked about the effects of drinking on the teenage brain, and also talked about local and national data.



MEN'S BREAKFAST - On Saturday, May 31 the men of David's Chapel Church hosted a men's breakfast for the men of the community. Preparing the morning meal were (at left, l to r) Bill Murray, Donnie Sutton, and George McCullough. **READY TO EAT** - Those in line ready to eat were David's Chapel Pastor Robert Johnson, Brother Henry Callison, Walter W. Bing, and Alan Parker.

Riverport Industry

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Water Transportation Meeting and the IRPT (Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals). Attending these meetings keeps Curlin abreast of current trends in the transportation industry.

One issue Curlin has been keeping a close eye on is the WRDA (Water Resources and Development Act), it has the potential to have a lot of impact on dredging funds. "It has passed the Senate and the House is still looking at it," Curlin said. "I anticipate it will pass the House and that version will help fund the small ports." This bill would include wording that the Army Corps of Engineers would have to use 10% of their annual budget for small harbor dredging.

Three bids were received for the KYTC Scale Project. Bids were received from Memphis Scale, J.A. King and RB&P with the lowest bid coming in from Memphis Scale at \$64,895.00. The board approved a motion for Curlin to accept the lowest and best bid once Curlin makes sure all three bids were on the same specifications.

After informing the board that the best option for employee health insurance for the coming year would be to go with KACo, the board went into closed session to discuss business and property with Eddie Crittendon present. Crittendon is the director for the Hickman County and Fulton County Economic Development Partnership. Closed session ended at 8:48 p.m.

The board is slated to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

Career Opportunity: Local newspaper group seeks motivated account executive. Must be personable, dress neatly, and have reliable transportation and able to furnish references. Highest commissions. Apply in person at The Hickman Courier, 1232 Moscow Ave., Hickman, KY 42050.



Notes from CROC
(Changing Results of Cooperative)

First I want to thank all of you, both Co-op members and non-members, for your show of support. Many ask why are you talking such a stance against HFRECC. I want you to know I believe there have been some good decisions made by management but far too few. I want you to know I am a member-owner just like you, if you are paying an electrical bill at HFRECC. I am frustrated, after going to talk to Mr. Bryant, Board Member District 5, and he said he did not have time to talk to me, while waxing an older model car, saying when he had time he would call me. That was several months ago and still no call. Please do not bother me now Mr. Bryant!

After talking to another board member, which gave me as much information as he could, I received a call from Mr. Grissom saying I did not need to be asking board members questions. If I had questions I needed to address the Board as a whole with the questions given to him seven days ahead of monthly meetings. I am sure you can see my frustration. I know you are like me. I have had many of you tell me this, and then say I guess there is nothing we can do.

There is something you can do! Come to the annual meeting and vote for Mr. Bubba Harrison and Mr. Donnie Lane, men to make a change. I believe Mr. Bryant has taken several trips this year already, have you once seen anything in the newspaper about what the trip was for or how it helped me to be able to save money on my electric bill or benefit the membership. No, No, No. I have never seen the minutes of monthly meetings in the paper either. Probably trying to save money. But if you want a copy of the minutes you should get August 2013, but make sure you take a few \$\$\$ with you to pay for copies.

I truly believe all trips should be cancelled except those required by law for board members. But how would we know unless board members were required to explain what the trips are for and how they benefit membership when they come back.

The Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, June 24, at the Hickman County Elementary School. There will be a CROC meeting on Tuesday, June 17, at 6 p.m. at Mr. Harrison's shop. For more information contact Joe Jackson at 270-627-4551, Mr. Harrison at 270-838-9931, or Mr. Lane at 270-236-3611. You may also email at croc_recc@yahoo.com. Contact your HFRECC to see whom your board member is.

My name is Donnie Lane. I am running for Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Cooperative Corporation Board of Directors.

General description of who I am:

My soul interest in this position is for the benefit of Co-op members and your families.

I too, have turned my thermostat up to almost uncomfortable conditions, making sure lights are turned off, making sure my a/c is cleaned and running properly, but even with these things done, it seems to no avail, my electrical bill still increases.

I am running for Board of Directors District 5 and I would appreciate your vote. If elected I promise you every decision made will be for the interest of the members. I will fight and will vote "NO" on decisions I feel do not benefit our membership. One of my first actions will be to carefully look at the customer charges of \$21.50, \$27.00, and \$100.00 per month and see what options are available. These customer charges are not itemized on your bill. I know I could use this amount in my household and I am sure you could too. If you express your concerns to me I will always return your call even if it is not what you want to hear. But you will have my full attention and availability.

Sincerely, Donnie Lane

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Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

Career weekend (and not) in America, this one. If professional baseball is your passion then reserve clause a time slot in front of the teevee — Major League Baseball's annual draft, Thursday through Saturday.

Top prospects in the Commonwealth waiting for a telephone to ring are A.J. Reed, University of Kentucky first baseman, and pitcher Nick Burdi at University of Louisville.

Reed, college National Player of the Year, is projected as high as 30th (Texas Rangers). Burdi may go 34th (St. Louis Cardinals). First, he faces an adrenaline-draining weekend as UofL hosts an NCAA super regional at Jack Patterson Stadium.

The important news is: Reed at 6-4, 245 pounds and Burdi at 6-3, 220, are men, 21 year-olds. Physically, and with three years on a college campus where they learned to think, communicate, behave and cooperate at higher levels, be polite to women, respectful to seniors, give to community, be on time, and call home now-and-then.

At 21, Reed and Burdi have a clue about career obligations and decision-making. Three years college on the resume'.

This weekend, MLB draft rules are significant.

✓ High school players, if they have graduated and have not yet attended college or junior college are eligible for draft.

✓ College players, from four-year schools who have either completed their junior or senior years or are at least 21 years old, are eligible.

✓ And, junior college players, regardless of how many years of school they have completed.

Because the NCAA and Major League Baseball have a sensible accommodation, 18-year-olds and parents/guardian have good options.

• Choose a job.

Enter the work force immediately. In this case, professional baseball rookie league. Pack a bag, say goodbye to Mom and catch a flight to Bellingham, Washington, or Missoula or Medicine Hat Montana.

• Choose a scholarship.

But, unlike college basketball where Coach Exploitation tells an 18-year-old "... come be a pretend student at my school for seven months and I'll make ya rich," the NCAA-MLB pact says a kid signs on for three years.

All of which brings me to Kaleb Duckworth. Great name, isn't it?

Reports reflect a kid much decorated at Henderson County

High School. A community prize. All State (twice), Kentucky Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year and best of it: a 3.8 grade point average.

At 6-3, 210-pounds, Duckworth is a promising outfield prospect. Chance at a professional baseball career. For this weekend's MLB draft, his name is not among the top 200 prospects, but the kid has a full house hand anyway. Duckworth has a scholarship to Western Kentucky University.

Finally, I will risk a presumption. Duckworth will move to Bowling Green, be homesick awhile, do his own laundry, be exposed to a little Vonnegut and a lot of Twain and play a game he loves then look up one day and be stunned the calendar says, 2017. And, he will tell someone special, "best three years of my life!"

America, I love this place.

LOUISVILLE ENDS UK SEASON

Louisville baseball basked in the glow of what must rank among the best weekend's in Cardinal history, any sport. UofL beat Kentucky, ended the Wildcats' season, pushed its record to a gaudy 48-15, and advanced to an NCAA super regional this weekend ... at home.

Initially, Cardinal fans and hometown media seemed more interested in gloating over beating Kentucky, than advancing in the NCAAs.

WINDFALL FOR WILLY

Recovery from ankle surgery, Willie Cauley-Stein won't play when Kentucky travels to the Bahamas in August. Tough break? Hardly. The amiable Mr. Cool on this roster, Cauley-Stein will watch a little ball, show up at practice, make a beach comb stroll or two, pal around with the guys in sunshine, and watch newcomers Trey Lyles and Karl-Anthony Towns strut their stuff.

Cauley-Stein will chuckle to himself seeing the new kids have fun without having to deal with college basketball's premier shot-blocker next season, their teammate.

WORTH REPEATING DEPT.

✓ Billy Donovan handled beautifully another question about leaving Florida or not at the SEC spring meetings last week.

"... when you start making guarantees about life and start making guarantees about where you're going to be, that's not

good," Donovan said. "If for some reason I ever change(d) my mind and did something, I wouldn't want (people) saying, 'Well, he promised, he guaranteed, he said this on record.' I just think when you start doing that, that's a mistake."

Straight up. Another reason Donovan is the best in the SEC by a light year or two..

✓ Jim Brown, football Hall of Famer, speaking at a forum in Austin, Texas last week, said he's opposed to unionizing college athletes, but is also a critic of the NCAA model.

"It's not going to be a struggle between the NCAA and the union," Brown said. "that will just be (about) money. Put the value back on education."

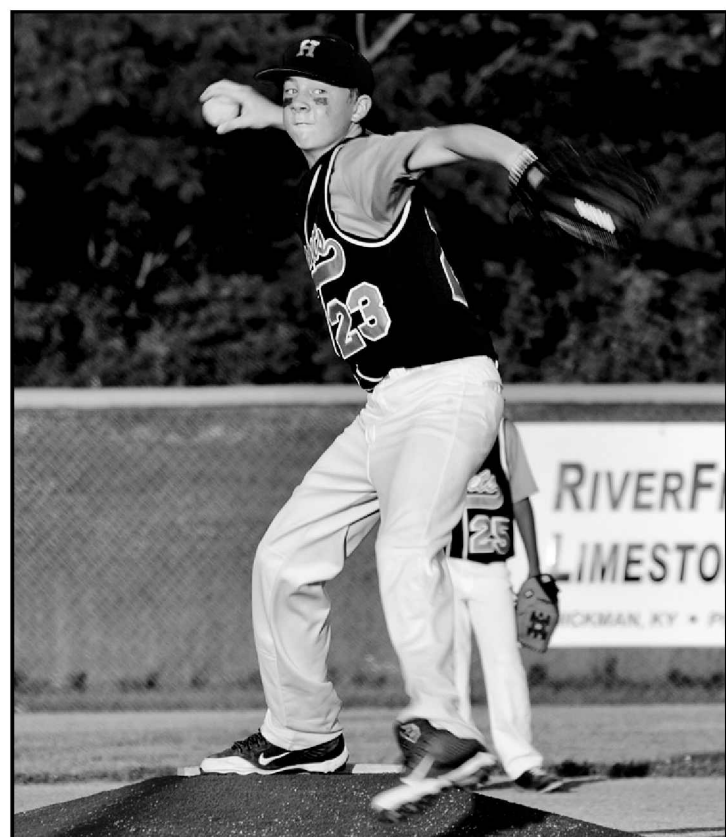
PARTING SHOT

According to a USA Report, 11 of the best 25 college football coaching jobs are in the SEC. Ole Miss just missed being the 12th. Best paying jobs? The SEC has seven, led by Nick Saban at Alabama, \$5,545,852-a-year. And so it goes.

PLAYING AAU Basketball - Alana Coffey, #5, played basketball at the CFSB Center on Friday, May 30 with an AAU team out of Obion County, Tenn. (At right, top) Coffey looks to dribble around a Trenton Peabody defender and (at right, bottom) she looks to keep the ball out of the defender's hands.



Photo by Charlotte Smith



A FOCUSED DELIVERY - Cameron McNeill has his eyes focused on home plate as he gets ready to pitch the ball in a Saturday night double header between the Hickman Hornets and the Clinton Bucks.



Photos by Charlotte Smith

TURNER TWOSOME - Hornet pitcher A.J. Turner throws the ball to teammate Devon Turner at second base as they keep the Clinton Bucks base runner from going to third base. The Hickman Hornets and the Clinton Bucks played a double header on Saturday, May 31 in Hickman.

Fulton Railroaders to host baseball camp June 7

The Fulton Railroaders, Ohio Valley Summer Collegiate League will once again stage their Youth Baseball Camp, to be held at Fulton's Lohaus Field for the sixth time, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for ages seven through 17.

Cost is \$25 per camper, with a free Ohio Valley League ball given to the first 60 participants. Campers will also receive free admission to the Railroaders vs. Owensboro Oilers game June 7 at 7:05 p.m. The deadline to register is June 6. Campers should bring their own personal bat and glove to the camp, and those who attend the Railroaders game that night will be recognized.

Mail application and check to Fulton Railroaders Baseball Club, LLC, Youth Baseball Camp, P.O. Box 1615, Fulton, Ky. 42041. For more information, contact Cubb Stokes, 270-

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Laster looks to bring tourism to Hickman with pyramid project

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Editor**

The Great Pyramid of Giza is the oldest and largest of the three pyramids in the Giza Necropolis bordering what is now El Giza, Egypt. According to Wikipedia, it is the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the only one to remain largely intact.

Kelly Laster, a jeweler in Hickman, Ky., has taken steps to secure property in the lower bottoms of Fulton County, 60 acres of prime farmland right on the Mississippi River. At this time of year, you would think he would be thinking about planting a crop on that land, but this is not the case. "I am going to be growing something a little bigger than that," he said. "I am planning on raising a replica of the Great Pyramid of Giza." He is planning on doing it with no modern equipment.

Laster, who painted the image of Mark Twain in downtown Hickman on the side of his jewelry store, has decided to take on this project hoping to spark tourism and economic development in the westernmost part of the Commonwealth. "I see this as being the greatest tourist at-

traction of all time,"he said. "People will come from all over the world to see the pyramid being built."

According to Laster, there will be some differences between the Giza Pyramid and the USA Pyramid. "The Project" blocks will be made of concrete and not of limestone although the weight is almost the same," he explained. "They will be cast on site and then laid into the equipment zone, where only methods and techniques from the days of Pharaoh will be used to move the blocks into place. The great mystery after all is not how the stones of Egypt were cut but, how they were raised to form the great pyramid. The Project may introduce new rooms into the USA pyramid that its Egyptian counterpart does not have. For instance a hall that can be used in tandem with the museum to show a time lapsed film of the USA pyramids construction."

Laster is looking for assistance from the public to make this pyramid a reality. "The project will offer healthy members of the general public a chance to make history," Laster said. "If a person donates 40 hours of work in a week's time, they

will have their names etched into a large glassy granite slab telling the story of the workers that built it and displaying their names." The granite slab will be displayed at the base of the pyramid, once the project is completed.

Donations are also being sought for Laster's project, "The Great Pyramid, Project USA," and will be funded by corporate sponsors, public donations, and the sale of T shirts with the "Project USA," logo on them which may be purchased from the website: www.thegreatpyramidprojectusa.com. People can also make donations at the same website.

Once the pyramid is complete Laster believes it will spark "tourism with a vengeance" in the little river town. "Hotels, restaurants, jobs, souvenir shops will pop up overnight to accommodate the influx of people wanting to see, visit and buy a ball cap, key chain or mug with the project logo on it," Laster added with confidence. "The place will boom! This will be the greatest tourist attraction in the USA, a pyramid scheme like no other, where there is an actual pyramid in its center."

Bumpous Scholarship

As the news began to spread, grief poured from many who were stunned that their friend, classmate, teammate and family member, had died at such an early age.

Over the following days, memories and stories began to surface of a student who was at the top of the class.

A big guy who could dominate on the football field, muscle for rebounds on the basketball court, but yet rarely be seen without that trademark smile from ear to ear.

It was Joey Bumpous, who represented the Fulton County School System in Washington D.C., not long before his death, as one of 13 high schools in the nation to receive an award from the National Drug Free Schools Recognition Program.

Following an emotional funeral service, which was held in a packed Fulton County High School (FCHS) gymnasium, community members began an immediate quest to establish a yearly scholarship to a high school Senior to keep the memory of Joey Bumpous alive.

Forward 21 years from that point, and what could possibly be the last scholarship awarded may have been delivered during graduation ceremonies at Sanger Field in May.

The Bumpous family has now become concerned, after all funds for the scholarship have been exhausted.

FCHS Assistant Principal Ellen Murphy did confirm that this year's recipient, LeQuante Abbott, was awarded the remaining \$300 in the fund.

"We have been awarding \$250 each year since it began, but did

not know what the future of this would be," noted Mrs. Murphy.

Mrs. Murphy said she to, like the Bumpous family, would like to see this scholarship continue.

"I went to school with Joey. We want to keep this going. Every year when I present this, (scholarship), I describe Joey as the kind, outgoing person he was. Everyone liked him, he was a friend to all. He had a heart of gold, always had a smile and was so polite to everyone."

In selecting the recipient for the scholarship, Mrs. Murphy said it always went back to Bumpous, the person.

"Since I have been in the school, we try to pick that student that showed the same characteristics as Joey had when he was here."

A plea is now being issued for any individuals or businesses, who would like to help support the effort to keep the Joey Bumpous Scholarship alive.

Joey's sister, Mechelle Bumpous, her brother's keeper adds, "Joey was definitely an extraordinary piece of work! He did things from the heart."

One example she gave happened in the morning on his way to school. "One morning he got 'off' the school bus to help a distressed, elderly woman get into her home because she had locked her keys in the house," remembered Mechelle. "Or the many times he'd help elderly people walking home with bags of groceries and did not accept or expect a dime."

Mechelle fondly remembers her brother as being well-mannered and humbled at all times. "He was well respected throughout the community, not just in

Hickman," she said, "but in the surrounding areas, as well."

Joey's sister continues, "From the principals, coaches, down to the thugs in the street, they respected Joey, too. If the thugs used profanity, Joey would say 'Watch out now!' and they hurriedly apologized and used better words."

Mechelle was blessed and honored that God chose her to be his sister. "I am proud of all of his accomplishments he made in such a short time," she added. "I love him and he is missed by many! I would encourage the people to get involved and become part of the 'Joey Bumpous Movement' and donate to his scholarship because who knows, one day your child or grandchild may be receiving the Joey Bumpous Scholarship and what an honor that would be! He lives through you, he lives through me. His legacy will live on. I am my brother's keeper!"

Mrs. Murphy said that all donations and contributions could be made by contacting her at FCHS.

Petition candidate for RECC board withdraws

On Monday, June 2, at approximately 3:05 p.m. the Courier office received the following press release/public notice regarding the 2014 Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation Annual Meeting and Board Election.

According to RECC Manager Greg Grissom: "At 11:50 a.m., on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, the Office of the Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC received notice from Lee Roy Harrison, Jr. that he officially withdrew his name as a candidate for District 3 Board member of the Cooperative."


The meeting and board election will be held on Tuesday, June 24.

Three names will appear on the ballot. Jerry Graham is running for the seat in the District. Two are running for the seat in District 5 which include Vercel Bryant and Donnie Lane.

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Happy 90th Birthday

Mrs. Minnie Joe White celebrated her 90th Birthday with a surprise part at Hub's on Sunday, May 25.

Several family members and friends were there to help her with the celebration.



From left, Mrs. Minnie Jo White, great-granddaughter Madison White, and granddaughter Madelyn White





CELEBRATING HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY - Mr. James Black (right) and his wife Lillie Mae Black were at Black's Pecan on Saturday, May 31 celebrating Mr. Black's 80th birthday with family and friends. Mr. Black had a John Deere cake with a yellow and green color scheme.




CELEBRATING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS - James Black (center) and his wife Lillie Mae (right) gathered with family and friends (l to r) Edith Elfing, James Watts, grandson, and Linda Bembyista, niece-in-law, during Mr. Black's 80th birthday celebration on Saturday, May 31, at Black's Pecan.



FLAG PRESENTATION - (At left) On Thursday, May 29, Woodmen of the World (WOW) presented a new flag to members of the Hickman Senior Citizens Center. Raising the flag was Joe Mack Brunswick, represented from WOW, (left) and David Lattus, (American Legion) (right) in honor of Memorial Day. **PRAYING** - (Below) Brother James Roberson and Hickman Senior Center members stop to pray once the American Flag was raised. The prayer also commemorated the celebration of Memorial Day celebrated on Monday, May 26.






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